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Claim 1 (*Thrice Amended*) A securing device for releasably connecting at least one optical fibre to an optical apparatus where said optical apparatus comprises at least one photo-element mounted on a supporting element, said device including means for releasably connecting said at least one optical fibre in optical alignment with said at least one photo-element, wherein at least a part of said device is made from a transparent material making a region of optical alignment in coupling between the at least one optical fibre and the at least one photo-element externally visible.

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Claim 5 (*Thrice Amended*) A securing device for connecting at least one optical fibre to an optical apparatus, said optical apparatus comprising at least one photo-element, said at least one optical fibre connectable to said at least one photo-element, and at least one supporting element provided with at least one guide hole for said at least one optical fibre, wherein said device comprises

a slide provided with at least one slot, said slide moveable between a first and a second predetermined position, said second position being defined by stops, said slot, in said first position of said slide, being coaxial with said hole of said supporting element and freely housing said at least one optical fibre, and said slot, in said second position of said slide, being out of alignment with said hole and exerting on said at least one optical fibre a force which keeps the at least one optical fibre secured in said hole.

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Claim 14 (*Twice amended*) A securing device for connecting at least one optical fibre to an optical apparatus, said optical apparatus comprising at least one photo-element, said at least one optical fibre connectable to said at least one photo-element, and

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at least one supporting element provided with at least one guide hole for said at least one optical fibre, wherein said device comprises

a slide provided with at least one slot, said slide moveable between a first and a second predetermined position, said second position being defined by stops, said slot, in said first position of said slide, being coaxial with said hole of said supporting element and freely housing said at least one optical fibre, and said slot, in said second position of said slide, being out of alignment with said hole and exerting on said at least one optical fibre a force which keeps the at least one optical fibre secured in said hole, wherein said slide is made from transparent material.

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Claim 18. (*Twice Amended*) Device for releasably connecting at least one optical fibre to an optical apparatus, said optical apparatus comprising at least one photo-element mounted on a transparent supporting element, said device including means for releasably connecting said at least one optical fibre to said at least one photo-element, wherein said device includes a cover made of a transparent material making a region of coupling between said at least one optical fibre and the photo-element externally visible.

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23. (*Amended*) Optical equipment comprising:

an optical apparatus comprising at least one photo-element,

at least one optical fiber, and

a device for releasably connecting said at least one optical fiber in optical alignment with a respective one of said at least one photo-element,

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wherein at least a part of said releasably connecting device is made from a transparent material in order to make a region of optical alignment in coupling between the at least one optical fiber and the at least one photo-element externally visible.

27. (Amended) Optical equipment comprising:

at least one optical fiber,

an optical apparatus comprising at least one photo-element, and a supporting element provided with at least one guide hole for a respective one of said at least one optical fibre, and

a device for connecting said at least one optical fibre to a respective one of said at least one photo-element,

wherein said connecting device comprises a slide provided with at least one slot, said slide being movable between a first and a second predetermined position, said second predetermined position being defined by stops, said at least one slot, in said first position of said slide, being coaxial with said at least one hole of said supporting element and freely housing said at least one optical fibre, and said at least one slot, in said second position of said slide, being out of alignment with said at least one hole and exerting on said at least one optical fibre a force which keeps said at least one optical fibre secured in said at least one hole, wherein said slide is made from transparent material.